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Sir:

This paper is in response to the outstanding Official Action dated November 25, 2008, setting a three month period for response until February 25, 2009. If any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension to time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the here-in contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this response.